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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks:

DISPOSITION OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application.

RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

A. *Restriction requirement between distinct inventions*

The Examiner requires restriction of this application to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-24, drawn to an oral dosage form, classified in class 242, subclass 451.
- II. Claims 25-36, drawn to a method of making an oral dosage form, classified in class 264, subclass 4.

Applicant elects the claims in Group I without traverse. In view of the restriction requirement, applicant reserves the right to present the claims in Group II in a divisional application.

B. *Election of Species*

The Examiner requires election of a specific water impermeable polymer and a specific water permeable (hydrophilic polymer) material to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant elects polymethylacrylate latex material as a water impermeable polymer and hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose as a water permeable (hydrophilic polymer) material. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 7, 9, 20, 22, and 34.

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